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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231.

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed 30 November 2000. Please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

15. (Amended) A system for treating a multicomponent liquid substrate while leaving particulate matter therein, comprising.

(a) a non-pressurized reservoir other than a shell of a module for containing the substrate;

(b) a cylindrical skein of hollow fiber filtering membranes immersed in the substrate each fiber having a length greater than 0.5 m, the fibers together providing a surface area at least greater than 1 m² and disposed generally vertically between upper and lower cylindrical headers such that (i) outsides of ends of said membranes are sealingly secured to the headers in a closely spaced apart relationship, (ii) lumens of said fibers being in fluid communication with at least one permeate collection means, and, (iii) said fibers having a length between opposed surfaces of the headers.

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